

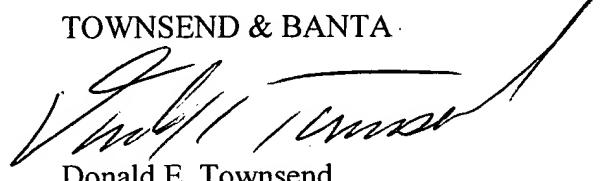
**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 14-18 and 21 have been canceled, leaving only allowed Claims 2, 5, 9-13, 19 and 20 pending in the application.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance and early action and allowance thereof is accordingly respectfully requested. In the event there is any reason why the application cannot be allowed at the present time, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned at the number listed below to resolve any problems.

Respectfully submitted

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